(8) Participation in the National Guard and Reserve improves the economy by providing individuals with job skills and education.

(b) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATIONS.—In light of the findings in subsection (a), Congress—

(1) reaffirms that service in the National Guard and Reserve is in the highest traditions of military service to the country and acknowledges the valuable contribution that the men and women who serve in the National Guard and Reserve are making to their country;

(2) encourages Guard and Reserve participation by all elements of American society; and

(3) continues to support reliance on the National Guard and Reserve as full partners in the Total Force.

SEC. 1636. EXPANSION OF **SCOPE** OF CIVIL RESERVE **AIR** FLEET ENHANCEMENT **PROGRAM**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—(1) Paragraph (2) of section 9511 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(2) The term 'passenger-cargo combined aircraft' means a civil aircraft equipped so that its main deck can be used to carry both passengers and property (including mail) simultaneously.".

(2) Paragraph (5) of such section is amended to read as follows:

"(5) The term 'cargo-convertible aircraft' means a passenger aircraft equipped or designed so that all or substantially all of the main deck of the aircraft can be readily converted for the carriage of property or mail.".

(4) Paragraph (8) of such section is amended by striking out "a civil aircraft in clause (A) and all that follows through defense purposes" and inserting in lieu thereof "a new or existing aircraft and who contracts with the Secretary to modify that aircraft by including or incorporating specified defense features".

(5) Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(12) The term 'defense feature' means equipment or design features included or incorporated in a civil aircraft which ensures the interoperability of such aircraft with the Department of Defense airlift system. Such term includes any equipment or design feature which enables such aircraft to be readily modified for use as a cargo-convertible, cargo-capable, or passenger-cargo combined aircraft.".

(b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Section 9512 of such title is amended to read as follows:

"§ 9512. Contracts for the inclusion or incorporation of defense features

"(a) Subject to the provisions of chapter 137 of this title, and to the

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extent that funds are otherwise available for obligation, the Secretary—

"(1) may contract with any citizen of the United States for the inclusion or incorporation of defense features in any new or existing aircraft to be owned or controlled by that citizen; and

"(2) may contract with United States aircraft manufacturers for the inclusion or incorporation of defense features in new aircraft to be operated by a United States air carrier.

"(b) Each contract entered into under subsection (a) shall include the terms required by section 9513 of this title and a provision that